

The Garage Sale Was a Success!

The Power of an HOA.

If one hundred hot dogs eaten in little over an hour is any indication of a successful garage sale event, then we did it! Despite the threat of rain, we had a terrific turnout. While riding around on my bike, I checked in with most of the sellers and many gave a thumbs-up on their sales and expressed appreciation to the Board for organizing this event.

Our total budget for over 20 garage sales was \$150 and here's what it purchased:

- Flyers for every Del Prado household
- Advertising in two local newspapers
- Social media exposure through Nextdoor.com, Craig's List, website, etc.
- Ten color coordinated signs posted on the main streets leading to Brently.
- Ten signs inside Del Prado leading the public to the individual garage sales
- Automatic charity pick up for left over items
- 100 hot dogs and sodas for everyone to enjoy

A big **Thank You** to those volunteers who made this a winning event. Board members **Christine McFall**, **Chuck Raines**, and **Mike Furlong** donated their time and a BBQ. **Lola Goddard**, **Lia Cook**, and **Billy Starr** helped with placing flyers, signs, grilling, and clean up. Their assistance made this event a breeze to orchestrate.

Many sellers and buyers asked if we are going to have this event again. Absolutely, let's do it! This could be an annual event, which can only get better as time goes on. The bargain hunters will anticipate our next sale and our residents will mark their calendars because this garage sale will be worthwhile.

This is a success story of how an HOA can work for the residents. For a small budget and a few volunteers, we had an event that benefitted our residents, our community, and promoted a neighborhood atmosphere. A little bit of work and money went a long way.

Just like our amenities that Del Prado offers: pool, spa, tennis courts, clubhouse facilities, and greenbelts, all can be offered to our community for a relatively small monthly HOA fee. When costs are shared, there is more available to purchase for everyone's use and benefit.

That's the power of an HOA.

Don't forget our next meeting on May 24 @ 6:30pm when we will be voting for two positions on the Board. If you have an interest in our community (no matter how big or small) and would like to participate, please come to our meeting. Think about volunteering. You might be pleasantly surprised.

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